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World Y.M.C.A. Figures Attend International Board Meeting Here

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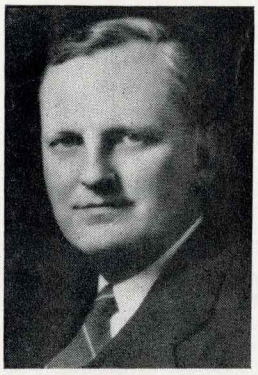

Eugene E. Barnett

That the Young Men's Christian Association is a great international force in the world today was demonstrated at the Annual Meeting of the International Board held in Toronto early in November. This is the first time that the Board met in Canada, at least for a number of years. It drew leading men both lay and secretarial from all over North America and from many countries.

The following returned Secretaries were present: Paul B. Anderson, Europe, Earle R. Buckley, China, David C. Creighton, Greece, George A. Fitch, Korea, H. H. Lichtwardt, Brazil, E. S. Turner, Phillippines, and W. A. Zimmerman, Siam. One of the major impressions of such a gathering is the calibre of leader the "Y" is able to interest, for here were leading business and professional men from all over the continent who travelled long distances to attend this meeting. And they came with no sense of greatness but with a spirit of humility, devotion and urgency to make Y.M.C.A. World Service work mean as much as possible in a very divided and needy world.

DEVOTIONS

R. S. Hosking created the atmosphere for the gathering in his opening devotions when he said:

"It seems to me that the mood in which we face our work in these sessions should be in a firm belief in the Living God and in the power of the Resurrection. We have much to discourage us. We have many perplexing problems but in that faith we can overcome our difficulties, steadfast in hope and serene in confidence amidst the challenge of our times for as much as we know that our labour is not in vain in the Lord."

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dalton F. McClelland

Dalton McClelland, Executive Secretary of the International Board, gave such a thoughtful and stimulating report on our World Services work that when it was over the Chairman, Mr. Cleveland Dodge, called for a rising vote of appreciation. Here are a few vital quotations from his report:

"For sixty years the International Committee, through its missionary program has pioneered and co-operated in the expansion of Y.M.C.A's. in the world's more needy areas and in the development of self-directing, self-supporting and self-propagating Y.M.C.A's. Through its assistance, work has been established in 34 countries, and there exist today in many of these countries sound organizations of members, directors, committee men and staff in possession of buildings, camps and conference sites, following excellent Y.M.C.A. procedures patterned on the democratic processes of our North American movement and dedicated to the building of Christian personality and a Christian society. Successful experience, particularly in many of the under-developed countries has given the Y.M.C.A. a prestige

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"Y" Committees Set Up In Kelowna and Trail

Two British Columbia cities have set up Y.M.C.A. committees recently with a view to exploring the possibilities of organizing Community Y's. The first of these is in Trail where Dr. C. H. Wright of Consolidated Mining has been appointed chairman. The Trail group is considering a Y.M.C.A. operation similar to that in Timmins. The possibility of extending such a service to the nearby communities of Rossland, Castlegar and Fruitvale are also under discussion.

Fred Russell is chairman of the Y.M.C.A. committee in Kelowna which is now taking steps to organize a provisional Board of Directors. Lavern Herbert, National Extension Secretary made a survey of the youth needs of that community when he visited Kelowna in October.

Annual Meeting Set For St. Catharines

February 10, 11 and 12, 1950, are the dates set by the National Executive for the next Annual meeting of the National Council. The National Executive at its last meeting also accepted an invitation from the Board of the St. Catharines Y.M.C.A. to hold this important annual event in that city.

At this year's meeting a major emphasis will be placed on program concerns in the Canadian Y.M.C.A.

Christmas, 1949

To the Christian, Christmas is more than the exchange of greeting cards and gifts; it is the coming of God in the form of a child.

Let us not say this year, as it was said then,

"There is no room".

WORLD Y.M.C.A. FIGURES Cont.

and opportunity that are unparalleled. The lay character of the movement has made it possible to draw into a co-operative enterprise the youth and leaders of many nationalities, races and creeds. The contributions of the indigenous associations in the building of character, in reconciliation, in creating social solidarity, and in the interpretation of religion in terms of service, have made a universal appeal."

"Reviewing the Y.M.C.A. movement in the world scene today we are conscious that we are living in a critical hour of testing for us in North America as surely as for our colleagues abroad. From some countries the International Committee may be cut off for a period, organizations may be dissolved, constitutions changed under government directives and properties lost temporarily. But the bonds of Christian fellowship will hold and we must stand by our devoted and loyal colleagues in prayer and in faith and in any measure of cooperation that may be possible."

SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

Dr. Tracy Strong

Outstanding speakers brought us face to face with reality and the place of the "Y" in the world situation. Eugene Barnett, General Secretary of the National Council of the U.S.A., spoke on "World Service in the Midst of World Revolution." Tracy Strong, General Secretary, World's Committee, Switzerland on "Now is No Time for a Dull and Lifeless Christianity." David Creighton of Greece on "The Significance of Greece in Modern Civilization and the Y.M.C.A's. Part." George A. Fitch of Korea on "The Christian Mission to a Nation in rebirth." Earle Buckley of China on "The Training Program on China as a Basis for Y.M.C.A. Faith in the Future." Walter Zimmerman of Siam on "The Y.M.C.A., the Christian Minorities and other Faiths in Southeastern Asia." Harry Lichtwardt of Brazil on "The Y.M.C.A. in Lands Predominantly Roman Catholic." Paul B. Anderson on "The Y.M.C.A. as a Factor for Christian Civilization in Western Europe."

Mr. Nathaniel Berry, Chairman, Board of Directors, London Central Y.M.C.A. also brought greetings from England and the appreciation of the London "Y" for the rehabilitation of the London Central building through the World Youth Fund.

BUSINESS TRANSACTED

The meeting of the International Board was primarily for business purposes and a great deal of time was given to analyzing the World Service, World Youth Fund and World's Committee situations. Briefly they are as follows:

WORLD SERVICE

(1) $196,000 additional money required to reach the 1949 goal of $1,185,000.

(2) Budget of $1,200,000 approved for 1950. This will provide for ten more Secretaries next year.

(3) Canada's share of the 1950 World Service budget will be $104,000 (plus $7,000 for World's Committee).

WORLD YOUTH FUND

$5,600,000 pledged and paid in cash to date on a goal of $8,650,000.

638 Secretaries put back to work.

62 out of 112 buildings restored.

Canada tops all Areas with 99% of its goal pledged.

The World Youth Fund will be kept open until all local Associations have had adequate opportunity to reach their accepted goals.

WORLD'S COMMITTEE

1949 Budget $188,437—Canada's share $7,500.

1950 Budget $194,445—Canada's share $9,500.

In future all three funds will be united in a common approach to local Associations through the International Committee under the name "World Services."

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Books Received

It is regretted that space limitation has made it impossible to give adequate reviews to the large number of excellent books published this Fall. In their respective fields, however, the following publications are highly recommended. We present them in this form rather than wait for a subsequent issue of the *News Bulletin* because of their value as Christmas gifts.

Charting Group Progress—by Saul Bernstein Association Press—75c.

A 24-page pamphlet concerned with evaluating group work processes under three headings: 1. Group Evaluation; 2. Individual Evaluation; 3. The Member's group contribution.

Campaigning for Members by Herman A. Sarachan, Association Press, $3.00.

A handbook for all organizations concerned with obtaining community support and new members. Deals with plans, team organization, publicity, prospect lists, workers' materials, pledge cards, etc.

Children and Religion by Dora A. Chaplin—Scribner's, $2.50.

For parents and teachers in church schools. At its best when dealing with pre-adolescents. The tools and methods of religious education plus the consideration of such "knotty problems" as prayer, skepticism, the nature of God, etc.

The Christian as Citizen, by Rev. George M. Tuttle published by the Canadian Council of Churches—75c.

Well designed as a leadership training course (and a good one) in the fields of faith, social issues and world order, this book makes excellent and profitable reading. The author was formerly Associate Director of the Canadian Youth Commission.

The Human Venture in Sex, Love and Marriage, by Peter A. Bertocci—a Haddam House Book by Association Press, $2.50.

One of the best—of many—post-Kinsey books on this subject aimed at young people who have the attitude that "anything is all right unless there is a good reason for objecting."

Treasury of the Christian Faith, Association Press, $5.00

One of Association Press' biggest efforts to date. Over 800 pages of treasured quotations from great Christians of our own and other days. Conveniently brought together under 50 different headings from "Atonement" to "Worship."

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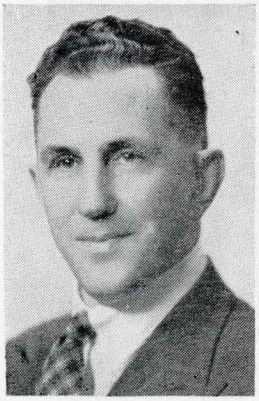
New Leaders' Corps Materials Keep Pace With Great Advance

by A. M. Harding



Merl Harding

Six o'clock in the morning was spit-and-polish assembly time for the Senior Leaders Corps that Lew Winter belonged to in the Montreal Y.M.C.A. That was in 1892 when sizzling gym training and devoted Bible study came before a hot and sociable breakfast. After that the lads hustled away to their regular work for the day. Sharp they were in that Leader's Club. Billy Ball, the physical director, set a high standard. Lew like all the rest, rose to the challenge, and was proud of it.

Mr. Winter, after a life time business career in Insurance and after holding many positions of leadership is now Honorary Treasurer of the Canadian Red Cross Society, still a trim and shining example of unselfish Christian service.

PERSONAL HANDBOOK

In a new *Personal Handbook* for Senior Y.M.C.A. Leaders in Canada he tells a delightful and inspiring story of those early days when Y.M.C.A. "Leaders" were first organizing and setting the standards which have carried on through the years. The Y.M.C.A. Leaders Corps has an enviable reputation wherever the work of the Young Men's Christian Association is known. The *Personal Handbook* is small, but packed with nourishment for the young man who is gaining a place of leadership through training and service in some Y.M.C.A. physical education department.

The Personal Handbook is one of three National Council publications announced in 1949 especially for the development of Physical Department Leaders Corps Program.

Its companions are:

The Physical Directors Book about Leaders, an intimate and complete discussion of the best of Y.M.C.A. experience in finding, training and using boys and young men for this outstanding service, and *The Leaders Manual*, a loose leaf compilation of organizational and operational material which will be amended and supplemented from time to time as needs and procedures change.

This is the first appearance in the Canadian Movement of comprehensive guidance material for local Y.M.C.A's. in their development of volunteer physical department leadership. All of it is written by Canadians out of experience in Canadian Associations. A committee of the Physical Directors' Society, chaired by D. E. Strain of Winnipeg, carried out the first stage of the project. It was then carried forward by the National Council Physical Education Committee through James Pryce and Robert Bonney. With the Secretary for Physical Education they designed the three book series, and planned the detail of each presentation.

OVER 500 LEADERS

In 24 Canadian Y.M.C.A's. there were 533 registered leaders, 275 Juniors (12 to 14 years), 134 Intermediates (15 to 17), and 124 Seniors. Of these 328 were reported to the National office as meriting official recognition for a satisfactory season of Leaders' training and service. Juniors and Intermediates get annual credits which may later have significance in Senior service. Seniors accumulate four years of credits to become Graduate Leaders. Many Graduate Leaders continue in active service, a valuable and much appreciated contribution to the work of the Association.

The discrepancy between the number of leaders registered as members of the National Leaders Corps, and the number reported later for recognition is largely accounted for, not in terms of individuals who fail to measure up in training and service, (though some there are), but mostly by the Associations which register leaders early in the season, but fail to report on them later for one reason or another. In 1949 five associations fell into this class.

TRAINING AND SERVICE

Training and Service are the key words in the National Leaders Corps program, and the Christian purpose of the Y.M.C.A. is central, and continuously in focus.

Each local training program includes courses in Christian values, with emphasis and experience in their application in real life situations especially within the program of the physical department. During these present years it is expected that the number of Leaders will continue to increase. World War II shattered the Senior clubs (repeating the history of the former war period). Since 1947, physical department employed personnel have been recovering in numbers, and in quality of training and experience. Perhaps never before in the history of the Canadian Movement have we had so many high grade physical directors as there are today. A Leaders Club, Junior, Intermediate or Senior rises only to the level of the personality who gives it leadership. A good physical director produces a good program. A good program produces Leaders.

What Do We Mean by a Full Christian Life?

The Commission on Christian Emphasis asks for your comments on the following revised statement on "What do we mean by a full Christian Life."

Your comments should be addressed to R. S. Hosking, National office.

"The purpose of the Y.M.C.A. is to develop persons who will increasingly exemplify the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. It is to lead people into a day by day life which expresses the Spirit of Jesus.

"This purpose is based on a belief in Christ as Divine and a belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

"It further believes that every person is capable of finding the best in life if he will earnestly live according to the principle of love as set out in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

"The Christian seeks to establish the Kingdom of God in all human relationships as well as in individual human hearts."

BOOKS RECEIVED Cont.

Handbook of Y.M.C.A. Camp Administration, ed. Ledlie and Roehm, Association Press—$4.50

Produced by a Commission set up by Y.M.C.A. Boys' Work Secretaries. This is a superlative piece of work. It surpasses anything that has been done in this field before and will stand for years to come as the one book that no camp director should be without. Promotion and publicity, building and sanitation, health and safety, program and leadership, records and administration—in short, all aspects of Y.M.C.A. camping are thoroughly and competently covered.

The Supervision of Group Work and Recreation—by Hedley S. Dimock and Harleigh B. Trecker. Association Press $4.50.

An authoritative book by two of the most distinguished workers in this field. Will probably be used as a college text on this subject for some time to come. The concept of "supervision" is a very broad one and includes the idea of "administration" as most of us use the term. This volume is the product of ten years of collaboration by the authors and is particularly well designed for use by Y.M.C.A. people.

Church Activities for Young Couples, by George Gleason, Association Press $1.50.

Canadians are aware of the swelling enthusiasm for young married couples groups in our churches. This is a full and competent handbook for those concerned with such activities.

The Shaking of the Foundations, by Paul Tillich, Scribner's $2.50

A collection of sermons delivered to student congregations at Union Theological Seminary by a famous theologian.

Faith and History, by Reinhold Niebuhr, Scribner's, $3.50

This famous and influential preacher, thinker and theologian is not an unknown voice on this subject. It's a comparison of Christian and other modern views of history. A stimulating antidote to Toynbee.

The RCAF Overseas (The Sixth Year) Oxford University Press $4.00

It takes this continued story of the RCAF up to the time of victory in 1945. A beautiful publishing job—of chief interest to historians and RCAF personnel.

Youth Asks about Religion—by Jack Finegan, Association Press $2.00

One hundred questions on religious subects with answers by this professor at the Pacific School of Religion. Extremely well done and highly recommended for the teenager and young adult. Stimulating material for discussion groups and club program in Phalanx, Hi-Y, So-Ed, etc.

Personnel Changes

NEW:

Gilbert Burrows	Membership	Toronto West End
John Dunkley	Boys' Work	Midland
Philip Field	Physical	Quebec, P.Q.
Morgan Freele	Physical	Orillia, Ont.
Bernard Grady	Assistant	North Toronto
Mildred Jacobs	Women and Girls	Sault Ste. Marie
Ronald Johnson	Assoc. Boys	Toronto West End
Norman Lindsay	Program	London, Ont.
Lawrence D. Marshall	Physical	St. Thomas, Ont.
Wm. Pope	Program	Belleville, Ont.
Ronald Scott	Swimming	Saskatoon, Sask.
Helen Selwood	Asst. Program	Edmonton, Alta.
Ted Sexsmith	Assoc. Program	Toronto Central
Lloyd Stafford	Boys' Work	Montreal North
Bob Thompson	Asst.	Edmonton
Juri Vrzesnevski	Swimming	Brantford
Harry Weber	Physical	Sherbrooke
Bob Williams	Membership	Toronto Broadview

TRANSFERS:	FROM	TO
M. I. Corbett	Physical, Saint John	General, Capreol, Ont.
N. F. Cragg	Assoc. Gen., Vancouver	Exec. Sec., Vancouver Central
F. G. Hubbard	General, Vancouver Cent.	General, Vancouver Metropolitan
Al Logan	Program, Toronto Broadview	General, Port Arthur
Drum McDonald	Boys–Y.A., Belleville	Boys' Work, St. Catharines
Murray Shantz	Boys, St. Catharines	General, Cornwall, Ont.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Ernest Stabler, Sir George Williams College, for Study.

Geneva Park Figured Out

The annual report of Geneva Park—the National Council's summer operation—contains some interesting statistics that reveal the high pitch of activity associated with the Park last summer. For instance 1698 different persons stayed in Board and Room accommodation for 9688 camper days (sounds like a long summer) and ate 40,816 meals (that figure includes non-overnight guests—not even Geneva Park provides 4½ meals a day). In addition 86 families of 365 adults and children stayed in housekeeping cottages for 10,363 camper days.

As well as this, there were 51 different staff persons who enjoyed their work so much they stayed 3360 camper days. In other words there were about 300 people at the Park each day for 78 days. They came from 9 of the 10 provinces, 29 states and 9 other countries.

Gordon Selman, Vancouver, Chairman of B.C. Extension

The newly organized British Columbia Y.M.C.A. Extension Committee which will be a sub-committee of the National Extension Committee met with the National Extension Secretary, Lavern Herbert in Vancouver last month to discuss ways and means by which Y.M.C.A. work would be furthered in B.C. communities not at present having the advantages of Y.M.C.A. program. Gordon Selman of Vancouver has accepted the chairmanship of this committee and Bob Torrance, Executive Secretary of the West Vancouver "Y", is its secretary.

In future the National Extension Committee under the chairmanship of the Honourable Mr. Justice R. L. Kellock will channel its British Columbia contacts through this new committee which will be able to give prompt and personal attention to the needs of potential Y.M.C.A. centres in the west coast province.